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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO  
TUNISIA

REF: TUNIS 1607

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR  
VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, AS PRINCIPAL U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
AT 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE, AS WELL AS  
FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS IMMEDIATE PARTY WHO ARE NOT  
OFFICIALLY MEMBERS OF DELEGATION.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

9:20 A.M. - ARRIVAL OF AIR FORCE TWO AT TUNIS-CARTHAGE AIRPORT.

9:40 A.M. - DEPARTURE OF ENTIRE PARTY BY MOTORCADE FOR CARTHAGE  
(APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES). VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. ROCKEFELLER,  
MISS MURPHY AND MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE PARTY TO PALACE, WHERE  
THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. SUITE RESERVED FOR  
VISITING HEADS OF STATE WILL BE PUT AT DISPOSAL OF VICE

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PRESIDENT WITH SEPARATE SUITES FOR MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND

MISS MURPHY. UP TO FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE PARTY WILL BE INVITED TO STAY AT PALACE. ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY AND STAFF WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT ABOUNAWAS HOTEL BUNGALOWS ON BEACH AT GAMMARTH, APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES PAST CARTHAGE. (NEAREST FIRST CLASS HOTEL.)

10:45 A.M. - VICE PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, PARTICIPATES IN FORMAL PRESENTATION OF DELEGATIONS TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AT PALACE AT 11:00 A.M. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY TO VISIT BATHS OF ANTONINUS AT CARTHAGE AND NEIGHBORING VILLAGE OF SIDI BOU SAID. SIDI BOU SAID, ON PROMONTORY OVERLOOKING BAY OF TUNIS, IS ONE MOST CHARMING SITES ON SHORES OF MEDITERRANEAN.

1:00 P.M. - INFORMAL PRIVATE LUNCH FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND IMMEDIATE PARTY AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. (GOT SO FAR HAS NO PLANS FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTION AT MIDDAY.)

3:00 P.M. - VICE PRESIDENT VISITS BATHS OF ANTONINUS AND SIDI BOU SAID -- WHICH CAN BE DONE IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY VISIT SOUK AND/OR THE BARDO MUSEUM. THE SOUK IS THE SHOPPING AREA IN THE OLD QUARTER OF TUNIS. WHILE NOT AS EXOTIC AS SOME BAZAARS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THE TUNIS SOUK HAS A GREAT DEAL TO SEE, IS CLEAN AND NOT WITHOUT ORIENTAL CHARM. MOSAIC COLLECTION AT BARDO MUSEUM ON THE SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF TUNIS IS HOUSED IN THE FORMER PRINCIPAL PALACE OF THE BEY OF TUNIS. THE BARDO COLLECTION IS THE FINEST GROUP OF ROMAN MOSAICS IN THE WORLD, WELL PRESENTED AND BEAUTIFULLY LIGHTED.

4:00 P.M. - ATTENDANCE BY VICE PRESIDENT AT ARTISTIC AND SPORTS PROGRAM AT PALAIS DE SPORTS NEAR TUNIS/CARTHAGE AIRPORT. PLANS ARE FOR PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO BE IN ATTENDANCE, BUT THIS EVENT STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

5:30 P.M. - VICE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN CARTHAGE FOR PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. (EXACT TIME HAS NOT YET BEEN SET BUT PALACE HAS INDICATED THAT MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED IN AFTERNOON AND PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA NORMALLY DOES NOT RECEIVE UNTIL AFTER 4:00 P.M.)

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6:30 P.M. - VICE PRESIDENT HAS PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA (AGAIN, EXACT TIME WILL BE CONFIRMED LATER).

8:30 P.M. (APPROX.) - DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER FOR HEADS OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS (SITE STILL NOT DETERMINED). IT IS STILL EXPECTED THAT THIS DINNER WILL BE STAG, SINCE MOST DELEGATES WILL NOT BE BRINGING WIVES. INVITATION WILL THEREFORE

PROBABLY ONLY INCLUDE VICE PRESIDENT. MRS. ROCKEFELLER,  
MISS MURPHY AND REST OF IMMEDIATE PARTY TO M'RABET RESTAURANT  
IN CASBAH. M'RABET IS BEST OF TRADITIONAL RESTAURANTS OF  
TUNIS WITH ORIENTAL FOOD, MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT.

11:00 P.M. - RETURN TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE CARTHAGE.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:40 A.M. - DEPART VIA AIR FORCE TWO FOR PARIS.

2. ABOVE IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE BASED ON AS YET INCOMPLETE  
TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR MARCH 20 AND OUR ESTIMATE  
OF WHAT MIGHT BE OF MOST INTEREST TO VICE PRESIDENT AND  
PARTY ASIDE FROM THREE OFFICIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THAT  
DAY. (IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TUNISIANS WILL PROPOSE THAT  
MRS. ROCKEFELLER CALL ON PRESIDENT'S WIFE, WASSILA.)  
WE WILL TRY TO FIT IN A SEPARATE VISIT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT  
TO THE BARDO, WHEN TIME PERMITS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ANY MODIFICATIONS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS  
OR SPECIAL DESIRES. EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, REVIEW  
ENTIRE PROGRAM WITH ADVANCE PARTY.  
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